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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Cat Toy Making

The Oregon Humane Society and SCRAP (School and Community Re-use Action Project) present Cat "SCRAP" Fever. Join in the cat toy making workshop - make fun cat toys from recycled materials. The event will be held at the Oregon Humane Society's Whittell Education Wing (1067 NE Columbia Blvd.) on Saturday, January 30, 1999, from 11 AM - 2 PM. Drop in anytime. The event is free.

Tai Chi Society

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Oregon/USA invites you to join us in celebrating its third annual Chinese New Year Celebration. An evening of cultural exchange opens with a Chinese Lion Dance followed by a traditional 9-course banquet, including vegetarian, seafood, and meat dishes, guest speakers and demonstrations of the art of Taoist Tai Chi will follow. The doors of the Great China Seafood Restaurant will open at 5:30 PM on Saturday, February 20th located at 336 NW Davis, in the heart of China Town. Call 503/223-6193.

Autism

Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Oregon is proud to present the "Innovative and Effective Interventions for Autism" conference, January 28 through January 30, 1999. FEAT of Oregon welcomes leading national autism researchers. The first event will be on Thursday, January 28. Registration is at 8:30 - 9 AM at the Portland Marriott (1401 SW Front Ave.).

Gambling Addiction

An educational talk on "Gambling Addiction" is hosted by OHSU. The authority lecturing on the subject is Jeff Cook, M.Ed., addictions counselor and case manager. His discussion is on Wednesday, February 10 from 7-8:30 PM at OHSU (2935 SW Cedar Hills Blvd., in Beaverton Mall). Call 418-2000.

Portland Miniature Show

The EXPO Center will once again be transformed into a dream world of Dollhouse Miniatures. Come and join us for one of the largest assortments of Miniature Houses and Accessories ever assembled in Portland, on January 30 & 31, 1999. In addition to the items for sale, the local craftsmen will also be exhibiting completed houses, vignettes, roomboxes and much more. Several local clubs will be exhibiting recently completed projects. Call 360/693-7629 or email DnKminis@aol.com.

South/North Corridor

Following upon the results of the South/North ballot measure, Metro's Transportation Planning Committee is requesting comments and suggestions regarding the transportation needs for the South/North Corridor. Public testimony on the transportation needs for the broader Metro area is also welcome. This event will be on Thursday, January 21 at the Clackamas Community Club (15711 SE 90th). The meeting time is at 5:30 PM.

School Meeting

The Board of Education Instructional Improvement Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, January 28 at 8:30 AM in the "New" Superintendent's Conference Room at the Robert Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussion of preparing students for the 21st Century. Call 916-3741.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.

Peninsula Little League Organize

Peninsula Little League's Board of Directors, organize for yet another year of Championship play.

(Back/L-R), Cathy Boggan, Reggie Howle, Bryan Butcher, Pierre DuBoise. (Front/L-R) Carmen Butcher, Rita Butcher, Sharon Maxwell-Hendricks, Sheretta Butcher, and Nancy Smith.



Photo by M. Washington

KITZHABER DELIVERS SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Governor Calls for End to Partisanship Calls on Legislature to Meet Oregon's Challenges

Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber delivered his second Inaugural Address today to the opening ceremony of the 70th Legislative Assembly in Salem. Just moments before, Kitzhaber took the oath of office for his second term as governor before members of both the House and Senate, the Oregon Supreme Court and the public.

In his speech, the governor invoked the heritage of Oregon's pioneers who worked hand-in-hand to create Oregon. He said, "Our greatest challenge today is to preserve that way - to recognize it for what it is: a touchstone - a past we can invoke it into our present. We must recreate the politics of community - the politics of progress - and bury the politics of partnership. If we can do so, no dream lies beyond our grasp." Using the recent events in Washington, D.C. as a backdrop, Kitzhaber then sounded a call to the Oregon Legislature to not let partisanship politics stand in the way of progress, "Our greatest challenge is to make our system of government work here in Oregon even as our national government veers recklessly toward the brink in Washington, D.C.," the governor said.

"We owe it to ourselves, to Oregonians and the integrity of this public institution - the government of this state - to conduct ourselves and our debate with this same level of civility. We must

have the capacity and the maturity to separate politics from personalities - to never allow disagreements on matters of policy be reflected in the kind of character assassination that has dominated the national debate over the past month."

Kitzhaber concluded his speech with the theme of his reelection campaign - the Oregon challenge - and called for action by the Legislature in three broad areas: education, juvenile crime prevention and growth management. The governor stressed that although his specific proposals just one way to meet these challenges, the Legislature the responsibility to thoroughly debate these issues in a civil manner and get results, "Oregonians will properly hold us accountable for reaching - or not reaching - agreement on how to move forward."

This constructive debate, Kitzhaber said, will be crucial to maintaining Oregon's identity and prosperity, "If we are to be successful in this endeavor, we must recreate the sense of common purpose which has long been the foundation of the community we call Oregon.. We must never underestimate the importance - indeed the necessity - of community and the power of place in shaping Oregon's future. For in spite of our differences and our areas of disagreement, we share a common history, a common heritage and we surely leave a common legacy."

New Party Fields Candidate In ESD Race



Geri Washington

Geri Washington, an African American community activist, has filed to run from North/Northeast Portland (position 5) for the Education Service District Board. Backed by the Portland New Party, Washington pledges to provide a fresh perspective to the ESD Board. "I will give a voice to parents and students who are left out and left behind by our schools," says Washington. "As a single mother of three children, I know the struggles of working parents."

Washington's campaign and term on the ESD Board will focus on keeping children in school and ensuring that all students succeed. The candidate promises to fight to lower the dropout rate, especially among low-income, immigrant and minority youth. She will join the struggle to raise achievement levels, particularly among working class and poor students. Promoting more parent involvement and power to their children's education, Washington also is pushing for more teacher training, better school-to-work programs and accessible student transportation.

Geri Washington is well known in the inner-Northeast community as a youth worker, educator, church leader, and

union organizer. She has been active with the Rainbow Coalition, the African American Legislative Issues Roundtable, Sisters in Portland Impacting Real Issues Together (SPIRIT), JOBS with JUSTICE, the New Party, the PTA, the Service Employees Union, and the Environmental Justice Action Group.

Currently employed by the Urban League, Geri Washington organizes for affordable housing, hazardous waste clean-up (brown fields) greenspaces, transportation, and economic vitality in North/Northeast Portland.

Geri Washington's supporters include the New Party, the Rainbow Coalition, Sen. Avel Gordly, Rep. Jo Ann Bowman, Sen. Bob Boyer, Commissioner Serena Cruz, School Board member Joseph Tam, Tom Kelly, Martin Gonzalez, Raleigh Lewis, Maceo Pettis, Angela Wilson, Sam Jackson Jr., Josiah Hill, Jamie Partridge, Nancy Haque, Regina Warren, Barbara Willer, and Margaret Butler.

Washington's opponent is twelve year incumbent, Judy Chambers, a St. John's homemaker. Ballots for the election go in the mail mid-February, due on March 9th.